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JUSTICE FOR RYAN  
E.O. 123456 : N/A  
TAGS: FR, PGOV, SHUM (BARBIE, KLAUS)  
SUBJECT: BARBIE TRIAL - ONCE MORE DELAYED, BUT NO SURPRISES  
REFS: LYON 536 AND PREVIOUS  
1. SUMMARY: THE COUR DE CASSATION (SUPREME COURT) IN PARIS HAS DETERMINED THAT THE CHARGES AGAINST **KLAUS BARBIE** SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO COVER WAR CRIMES AS WELL AS HIS CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. THE CASE NOW RETURNS TO LYONS JURISDICTION FOR REVIEW, GUARANTEEING NO ACTION BEFORE THE MARCH ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.  
2. THE COURT DE CASSATION IN PARIS DECIDED LAST WEEK TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF CHARGES THE GOVERNMENT WILL BRING **KLAUS BARBIE** TO INCLUDE WAR CRIMES. THIS NEW FACTOR, RESULTING FROM PRESSURE FROM RESISTANCE GROUPS AND JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS SENDS THE CASE BACK TO THE INVESTIGATING JUDGE IN LYON FOR A RE-WRITE, AND WILL DELAY THE START OF THE TRIAL UNTIL AFTER THE MARCH 1986 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS.  
3. COMMENT: WHILE THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANY REACTION FROM BARBIE'S LAWYER, JACQUES VERGES, THIS NEW DELAY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SET OFF ANOTHER BLAST OF HIS SHRILL ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT RHETORIC. THE LOCAL PRESS, WHICH HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING TO BUILD INTEREST IN THE TRIAL BY PRINTING BACKGROUND PIECES FOR THE WEEK PRIOR TO THIS DECISION HAS BEEN NOTABLY QUIET, AS IF TO ECHO THE GENERAL FEELING OF

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